

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 21, 2008. Claims 8-20, 30, and 32-42 remain in this application. Claims 8-10, 30, and 32 are the independent Claims. Claims 1-7, 21-29, and 31 have been canceled, without prejudice. It is believed that no new matter is involved in the amendments or arguments presented herein.

Reconsideration and entrance of the amendment in the application are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 4 of the Office Action, Claims 8-20 and 32-42 were indicated as allowable.

Applicant thanks the Examiner and formally recognizes the allowed Claims 8-20 and 32-42.

Claim Objections

Claim 30 was objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Claim 30 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base Claim 23. Thus, Claim 30 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the above objection are respectfully requested.

Art-Based Rejections

Claims 1-5, 7, 21-29 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over JP 2001-203467 (Fumihito); Claims 1-5, 7, 21-29 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Fumihito.

In response, Applicant has cancelled the rejected claims, thus rendering the above rejections moot.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the above rejections are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 785-4721 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

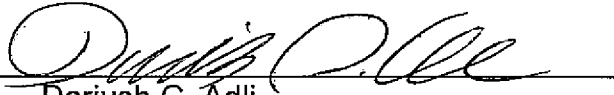
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Respectfully submitted,
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